(d) The "irrigation season" shall mean the season commencing on 1st June and ending on 31st January of the next year.

(e) The expression "Cauvery river" includes the main stream of the Cauvery river, all its tributaries and all other streams contributing water directly or indirectly to the Cauvery river.

(f) The expression "TMC" means thousand million cubic feet of water.

Clause-XX

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the alternation, amendment or modification of all or any of the foregoing clauses by agreement between the parties.

Glause-XXI

The State Governments of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry shall bear the expenses of the Tribunal in the ratio of 15:40:40:5. However, these parties shall bear their own costs before this Tribunal.

Water Sharing Disputes Between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

1627. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal has recently delivered its final award on the water sharing disputes between Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and some other States;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the award; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the strong resentment of the State Government of Karnataka and if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir, The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal submitted report and decision under section 5(2) of Inter State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act 1956 on 5th February, 2007.

(b) A statement is attached. [Refer to the statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1626(b)]

(c) The Ministry of Water Resources has not received any reaction from Government of Karnataka.

Proposal to Interlink rivers

†1628. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the progress in regard to the proposal to interlink rivers in the country;

(b) whether the proposal has finally been abandoned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission(CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas for optimum utilization of water resources. The NPP comprises two components, namely, Himayalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Report (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (India Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed.

Further, a Memorandum of Understanding for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the link in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link was signed among the Central Government and State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.